

Application No. 10/776,968
Amendment dated July 7, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 7, 2006

Remarks:

Claims 1-23 were previously pending. The Examiner allowed claims 5 and 8-22 and rejected claims 1-4, 6, and 7. Applicant has canceled claims 1-4 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer and amended dependent claim 6.

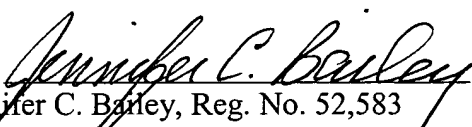
The Examiner held a telephone interview with the Applicant's representative on June 13, 2006. The Examiner's willingness to conduct the Interview is much appreciated by the Applicant and his representative.

Per the Examiner's Interview Summary dated June 13, 2006, claims 5-22 are still considered to be in a condition for allowance. Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 1-4 and 23 and has amended dependent claim 6 to be dependent on allowed independent claim 1. No other amendments have been made to the claims. Therefore, Applicant believes the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance. The present Amendment is being filed without filing a corresponding Request for Continued Examination since the present Amendment does not present any substantive amendments or remarks. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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